



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Whatever Is Good

Have we got it wrong? The prophets are sounding the alarm because the tribulation and judgments loom before us. God is mustering His people in preparation for battle and His eagles are gathering to feed. Many, however, are caught in a frenzied focus; infatuated with the details of apocalyptic horror. They study the ills of the end times and wallow in the harbingers of the coming judgments. The dish is toxic; the eagles are feasting ravenously on that which will make them sick. The fledglings are running to see what the eagles are eating. Their diet is juicy, colorful and enticing; for some, it is irresistible. Do the saints not know that the cold, hard truth must never become our daily bread? If that is our diet we will be unhealthy. In seasons of calamity, the Lord instructs us regarding our table fare. The Spirit says, “**Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**” Phil. 4:8 (KJV)

I am receiving a plethora of CDs, DVDs and requests to attend conferences, or go online to hear the latest warnings about coming judgments and chaos. Coming judgments are not news, but pastorally and apostolically, I must warn all who will hear, that this is not a healthy focus and it is opposite to the focus that the Lord instructs. Please, do not think that I am like the proverbial ostrich who buries his head in the sand to avoid seeing trouble. I am more political than most, I am more a student of history than most, and I am more aware of the horrors of the end-times than most. I have even written a book on the great tribulation called, Unexpected Fire. My book, however, while revealing the traumas of the end-times, emphatically emphasizes the coming revivals and the love of God.

No, I am not unaware of the coming judgments; nor am I avoiding the reality of their significance. I am, however, instructing you on what to do about it. Philippians 4 vs. 8, takes us from truth to goodness. It tells us what to focus our thoughts on. Check out the list and the progression it suggests. Notice the words in the verse. We must know the truth, and be honest about it. We must certainly stand for what is just, but focusing on the negative, is not where we live. To be mature disciples, we must move to higher ground. We focus on what is pure, on what is lovely and think and speak a good report. A focus on judgments and chaos is not pure, lovely or of a good report. Studying and feasting on a diet of end-time horror brings fear, depression, and it puts us in survival mode. That kind

of diet displaces the peace and joy of the Lord. The answer is not to stock up guns or store up food, although a good food supply is never a bad idea. As I travel, I am saddened to see comatose Christians. They live in a spiritual stupor and a numbness because they are focused on the impending doom. Their focus has led them to wrong conclusions, so they demonstrate little celebration of God's greatness or thankfulness for the His work or His church in America. The details of prophetic intelligence have sidelined many from the good news of the gospel and the glories of Christ.

There are 3 directives to walk in during times of tribulation and trial. The Bible teaches us how to **speak**, **act** and **think**. We have already discovered what God's word says about our thoughts. Our thoughts must be on whatsoever is good. Now, let us look at our words and actions. Not just any truth sets us free; it is only the truth about the Lord and His Christ that sets us free. Other things may be true, but they are not the whole truth.

Scripture says, **“In this world, you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.” Jn. 16:33**

There are 2 halves to this verse, one emphasizes trouble and one emphasizes the life of the overcomer. **I ask you; which focus should you live in?**

So, let us settle the matter; chaos and judgment will fall on America and it will be even worse in other nations of the world. Now, let us leave that focus. Quit feasting on another prophetic conference of fear or another DVD of doom and obey the Lord. Focus on a good report. If you don't have one, you have become sick because you have been eating too much unhealthy food.

Good Words

2Thess. 2:16-17 says,
“Now, the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father ... Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word”.

Disciples of Christ come with a good report because they are established in every good word. Even Jesus said, **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” Lk. 4:18**

We are misguided and uninformed if we think that Americans are living in the darkest and worst of times. Although things are seriously messed up, in many ways, we are still living in the best of times. Things will get worse but we are those who bring a good report. The truth about an evil report is that it is wrong. It overlooks the, **But God**, in the equation. What do you talk about most of the time? Some people get a buzz from talking about the traumas of the end times. That diet is twisted; talk about the victories, the blessings, the promises and the glories of Christ that will come to Israel and the Church.

Good Activities

“Now, they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution ... travelled ... preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord ... they sent forth Barnabas ... who ... had seen the grace of God and was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith and much people were added unto the Lord.” Acts 11:19-24

Barnabas stepped up during the time of persecution. The early Church faced the loss of homes, separation from families, persecution, imprisonment and even death, yet their focus was not on the trauma but on the victories of Christ. The activity of Barnabas brought revival, **“for many were added to the Lord.”** He was a good man, with a good report and he was full of faith. A focus on the negative never makes you stand out; it will never bring revival. But, if in the midst of trauma, you are focused on the brilliance of Christ then you will shine for you have something that is extraordinary. The world is reveling in fear but good disciples are worshipping the Lord for He has the miracles and He has the last word. Please change your focus and your diet, if you need to, for, **“Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” 1Jn. 4:4 AΩ**



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